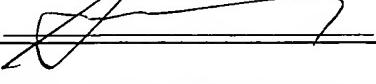


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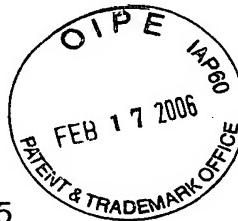
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Kazuaki Ikarashi et al.

Serial No. 11/271,263

Filing Date: November 8, 2005

For: EXCHANGE-COUPLED FILM INCLUDING  
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OF A PLURALITY OF COBALT-IRON  
ALLOYS HAVING DIFFERENT  
COMPOSITIONS DISPOSED ON  
ANTIFERROMAGNETIC LAYER, AND  
MAGNETIC SENSING ELEMENT



PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Notice of Informal Application dated December 9, 2005 for a period of 1 months.

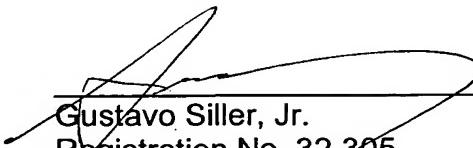
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**Fee Payment**

- Attached is a check for \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ for the Petition fee.
- Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
- Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: February 14, 2006

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